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RESERVATION TO GIRLS IN NCC
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Cadet Corps proposes to increase reservation for girls to 33 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether girl cadets get full opportunity to take armed training;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether specialised flying and boating training be imparted to girl cadets; and

(f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be imparted?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): There is at present no policy of reservation for girl cadets in the National Cadet Corps (NCC)However, efforts are being made by the NCC to encourage the enrolment of girl cadets.At present girl cadets constitute about 15.9% of the enrolled strength of NCC cadets.Efforts are being made by NCC Directorate to increase the strength of girl cadets further by encouraging composite Units of girls and boys within the existing overall sanctioned strength of cadets.

(c) The girl cadets are provided with every opportunity to undertake armed training.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) & (f): Specialised flying and boating training is already being imparted to the girl cadets. Girl cadets also take an active part in all other adventure-training activities conducted by NCC.